



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No 88-291

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## RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CITY COUNCIL POLICY OF INCREASED ACCESS BY THE HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY TO THE OCEAN AT CITY BEACHES AND REQUESTING A REPORT RELATING TO PROVISION OF SUCH ACCESS.

WHEREAS, State and County law provides that all residents of Hawaii shall have access to beaches; and

WHEREAS, presently, it is often very difficult for physically handicapped people, including the wheelchair bound, and the elderly, to swim at a beach unless access ramps or other means are available to them to allow access to the water; and

WHEREAS, in our island state, water-related recreation is part of everyday life, and ramps or other means of access leading to the ocean would allow the handicapped and elderly to take part in these activities; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has a program to provide sidewalks, curbs and street areas that are adapted for use by the handicapped; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has designed and retrofitted municipal buildings with ramps and elevators allowing access to and use of these buildings by the elderly and handicapped; and

WHEREAS, other major public places within the City and County of Honolulu have been adapted to allow access and use by the handicapped; and

WHEREAS, Fort DeRussy Beach, Kuhio Beach Park and Ala Moana Beach Park are among the City's most popular and centrally located beaches and it appears that the waters thereof should be made available for use by the physically handicapped and elderly; and

WHEREAS, improvement of access to the waters off of these beaches would make the ocean more readily accessible to the physically handicapped and elderly; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Council expresses its policy to have increased recreational opportunities for the handicapped and elderly citizens of the City and County of Honolulu, in particular by making ocean-based recreation more accessible to these citizens; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to study the feasibility and desirability of providing handicapped and elderly access to the beaches at Ala Moana Beach Park, Fort DeRussy, and Kuhio Beach Park and the appropriate means of providing such access; and to commence discussions with the Commander of U.S. Army Support-Command-Hawaii regarding access to the beaches at Fort DeRussy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and Recreation is requested to submit a report to the City Council within 90 days of the adoption of this resolution and therein to make recommendations with respect to handicapped and elderly access at the above-named beaches; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk is requested to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation and to the Commander of U.S. Army Support-Command-Hawaii.

INTRODUCED BY:

*Single-White*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 29 1988

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated to the right.

ATTEST:

*Raymond K. Pua*  
RAYMOND K. PUA  
CITY CLERK

*Arnold Morgado, Jr.*  
ARNOLD MORGADO, JR.  
CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

Dated JUL 13 1988

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